

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 17, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 76

Introduced by Senator Gaines
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Mayes)

June 25, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 76, as amended, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated that one
3 in seven men will develop this disease in his lifetime; and
4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates there will
5 be 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in
6 2015, resulting in an estimated 27,540 deaths; and
7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 21,060 men in California will
8 be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and an estimated 3,180
9 California men will die from this disease; and
10 WHEREAS, African American men have the highest prostate
11 cancer incidence rates in the world, and their prostate cancer
12 mortality rate in the United States is more than twice that of any
13 other ethnic group of men; and

1 WHEREAS, Early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms,
2 and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be
3 responsible for 5 percent to 10 percent of the disease cases; and

4 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
5 meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to
6 increase risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
8 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28
9 percent when it spreads to other parts of the body; and

10 WHEREAS, Treatment options for prostate cancer vary
11 depending on a man's ~~age, stage,~~ *age and the stage* and grade of
12 his cancer, as well as his other existing medical conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that a
14 man should have an opportunity to make an informed decision
15 about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on his personal
16 values and preferences; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims
19 September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in
20 California; and be it further

21 *Resolved,* That the Legislature joins communities across our
22 nation to increase awareness about the importance for men to make
23 informed decisions with their health care providers about early
24 detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.